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MARRIAGE.

On October 28th, at the Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, by special license, ARTHUR BERNARD ROYCE, solicitor, eldest son of Bernard Rody (Rody and Davidson, solicitors, Singapore), to MARY FRANCES TRIGGE, youngest daughter of John W. Trigge, New Zealand.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1891.

IMURIS AGAIN.

The *China Mail* hears that Imuris shares are now 30/- in London, and that immaculate Journal is likewise informed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.—the polestars of our contemporary's most disinterested idolatry—via JAMES WHITTALL & Co. of London, that "Imuris mines are progressing favourably; special meeting called to prevent transfer of further shares to China Registers."

Isn't there something inconsistent, not to use any more suggestive term, in this alleged cablegram from JAS. WHITTALL & Co., promoters and general managers in London of what are known as the Imuris mines, to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., the local agents of the concern, and from the latter eminent firm of philanthropists to the *China Mail*, and from that holy print to its one reader and his attendant half-price satellites? What have the practical working operations at the mines (which are situated somewhere in Mexico, we

have seen it stated)—whether favorable or otherwise—to do with the transfer of shares from London, New York, San Francisco

or anywhere else where the Company is recognised, to local registers in Hongkong and Shanghai? If this move is intended by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., or their humble and most obsequious adherent of the *China Mail*, as an argument to illustrate anything within the bounds of common sense to anybody interested in the ultimate fate of the Imuris Mines, Ltd., about which we never had the remotest doubt—we venture to quietly suggest that the *reductio ad absurdum* style of "bluff," which would carry weight amongst the employees at the East Point Sugar Refinery or the "hunted" members and ex-members of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Directorate, becomes exceedingly thin gruel when placed under the searching light of independent and impartial investigation by men who are not only competent to deal with the trickery and subterfuges of modern share market diplomacy, but who also possess the courage of their opinions and do not hesitate to publicly express them.

A special meeting had been called in London to prevent transfer of further shares to China registers. Why? For what particular object is this being done, and at whose instance? How will such prevention assist the unfortunates in Hongkong and Shanghai who, relying on the all-powerful and carefully advertised influence of "the princely house," bought Imuris shares at something like \$15 per share? How can it assist any legitimate holders of the stock either in London or the Far East? Is it, in plain English, a feeble attempt on the part of the short-sighted, would-be dictators of the Hongkong Share Market to establish an "Imuris ring" for their own exclusive advantage? If not, what is it, and what can its advantages possibly be to legitimate investors either in London or China? JAS. WHITTALL & Co., singularly enough, give no enlightenment on the matter; neither do our friends JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.—and the *China Mail*—well, it would be a vain hope looking in that quarter for light or intelligence on any question affecting public rights and interests. What can be the objection—of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. for instance—to Imuris shares purchased in London being freely transferred through the Company's register in Hongkong and Shanghai? There is only one reasonable assumption, which is that somebody, or a combination of somebodies with the light of official inspiration endowing them with prophetic powers, recklessly started on a "bulling" campaign against superior intellectual powers, a more varied experience, and a far more elastic banking account, and met a Waterloo. They must have calculated with the precision of accomplished statisticians the exact number of Imuris shares in the Far East, and thus playing with loaded dice they bought every share available, "boomed" the stock up to a ridiculously high and altogether unwarranted quotation, with only one aim in view—that of "cornering" and "ruining" if possible a certain well-known operator who was presumed to be recklessly short-selling. But the intended victim, the assumed "mug" of these high-toned conspirators, proved quite equal to the occasion—he rose to it. In fact, like a man of true genius, by selling for forward delivery all the shares wanted at double their market value, and covering his sales by cash purchases to the extent of many thousands of shares in the London market. The would-be biters were bit to some tune, and it has been reported that the local Agents of the Company actually refused to transfer shares which had been sent out from England until ordered to do so by the Board of Directors in London. Perhaps the foregoing remarks may suggest to the initiated the why and wherefore of this special meeting of Imuris shareholders, which JAS. WHITTALL & Co. thought advisable to cable out to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., and which appears as a gratuitous advertisement in the *China Mail*.

TELEGRAMS.

CHILI AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, October 30th.
Chill strongly objects to being made answerable for the recent attack on United States sailors at Valparaiso. Decisive action by the American Government seems probable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury* in the Shanghai province, in referring to the prevalence of robberies and other outrages in the district, says:—"The people are becoming alarmed and are meeting to discuss what means they can best employ to defend themselves. The harvest, especially in all the eastern portion of the province, are exceptionally good this year. But in certain districts many people are now suffering from dysentery, typhoid fever, fever and ague, and in a few localities cholera has taken many lives."

MONSIEUR RISTELHUBER, French chargé d'affaires at Peking, left that city en route for France on the morning of the 19th October.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week-ended November 1st, are—Europeans, 147; Chinese, 1,845; total, 1,992.

A SERIOUS earthquake, attended with disastrous effects, occurred in Japan—mainly in the Kobe and Osaka districts—during the morning of the 28th ult. We await further particulars.

ACCORDING to a correspondent the lately resuscitated Chinese newspaper *Sinh Pao* in Tientsin "is better printed, contains more and better matter than the old one, and therefore it is liked better by the Chinese."

THE Methodist Mission Station at Hiroshima, Japan, has been destroyed by fire. Misses Gaines and Snider, engaged in their night-dress, but lost all their effects. The damage is estimated at yen 4,000.

THE Emperor of China, on the recommendation of Li Hung-chang, has conferred the order of the Double Dragon on Mr. C. W. Kinder, the well-known engineer in charge of the Chinese railways in the North, as a recognition of his valuable services in connection with the railway and mining interests of the country.

THE China Navigation Company's *Taiwan* arrived at Thursday Island on September 29th and landed seven Japanese in quarantine, one of them having developed shortly after leaving Hongkong an eruptive feverish disease which Dr. Salter believed to be measles. The *Taiwan* sailed south during the afternoon, and it was understood would not be quarantined unless fresh cases developed.

A TRUE story from Cleland.
Mr. Masher—What's up with you, Sauerkraut? Why you look as miserable as if you had been tied up in the Imuris room.
Excited Teuton—Meln freud, dot fellow Spoon has been paying to mooch attention to mein frau. I will not put up with it. Mooch petter I shoot meichsel, meln Got.
No shooting has been reported up to latest advice from topide.

AN eight round boxing match for a purse and a side wager of 200 sovi took place at the Crystal Palace, Richmond (Melbourne), on October 2nd, between Joe Goddard, champion of Victoria, and Jack Ashton, the American boxer who has for some time past been performing with John L. Sullivan. The fight was one-sided from start to finish, Goddard doing all the hitting and easily gaining the award of the referee. Ashton had the great Sullivan for his second.

A MATCH at football, under Rugby rules, Captain's team v. Secretary's, will be played at the Race-course on Thursday next, the 5th inst., kick-off at 4.15 p.m. sharp. The teams will be selected on Wednesday from names sent into the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Herbert J. Gedge). We are requested to state that the Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive the names of any gentlemen who belong to the Football Club, or otherwise, who would like to take part in the match.

THE Court of Inquiry at Melbourne gave its decision in the *Gambler-Early* collision case on October 8th. The Court found that the collision was brought about by the action of Captain Pridemore of the *Early*, in not conforming to article 21 of the regulations for preventing collisions at sea, and that he and Captain Bell of the *Gambler*, were to be blamed for not slackening speed when a collision was imminent. In the matter of costs, Captain Pridemore was ordered to pay £20, and Captain Bell £10.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:—
Overture—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Selection—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
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At the Ladies' Recreation Club, on Wednesday next, commencing at 4.30 p.m.—
March—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Valse—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Selection—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Selection—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Gigue—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.
Gigue—The Fiddlers' Dance—Adams.

THUS the Peking correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury* under date October 19th:—This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Foreign Representatives met at the German Legation in solemn conference, in order to decide the great question of the day. Yesterday's *Peking Gazette* contained the memorial of Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, in which he reports the termination of the Wuchih affair, subject to the approval of the British Minister. Certain sums of money are being offered to the families of the murdered Britishers, Messrs. Argent and Green, while the damage done to property will also be made good.

AN interesting boat-race was decided over the mile course at Yau-ma-tei on Saturday afternoon, the contestants being crews from the Hongkong and Kowloon branches of the Royal Naval Yard respectively. The race was pulled in 4-armed glee, and the Hongkong crew were strong favorites. At 4.10 p.m. the competitors were sent off to a capital start, the Hongkong representatives immediately showing in front, but owing to No. 2 snubbing his oar, the boat lost her way and at least a dozen strokes. On getting away again, however, the favorites drew to the fore and looked like winning easily until bow caught a crab, and after this contretemps the Kowloon men had matters all their own way, eventually winning easily by a dozen lengths. There is a small boat race to be held between the river boats, and a very close and exciting race will most probably result.

YESTERDAY afternoon, about 4.30, two Chinese houses in Wellington Street, opposite the corner of Hollywood Road, fell in, the roof, two floors, and partition wall collapsing entirely and filling the basement with wreckage, leaving only the street wall standing. One of the houses was untenanted, but the other was occupied by a blacksmith. There was fortunately nobody in the upper stories, and the men working on the ground floor made good their escape. The tools and two girls, one the daughter of the householder and the other his servant, were in the back rooms, and were unable to get away, being buried under tons of rubbish in the cellar. A large gang of police under Mr. Matheson promptly attacked the debris from above, but the work as it progressed sent large quantities of rubbish down into the place where the three people were buried. Consequently it was decided to work from below, and a hole was soon cut through from the cellar of the next house. The through girl was taken out without serious injury and sent to the hospital. The other girl, who was found to be quite dead. The man was in a very difficult position, his head and the upper part of his body being free but the rest firmly fixed under beams and bricks. It was a long and difficult task to dig him out, in a pestilential place, with the constant fear of another avalanche coming down, but the men worked bravely, and at last the man was got out and found to be really very little injured. This morning another man was dug out unhurt.

MR. Lo Sun wanted to know the time, but instead of asking a policeman he borrowed a silver watch and chain from his late employer, Mr. Egau, who had just elevated him to the noble order of the Grand Bounce. He now glances in the police court to-day, and got to know the time—six weeks.

THE following Imperial decree, referring to the late Admiral Fong, of Whampoa celebrity, is published in the *Peking Gazette* of Sept. 26th:—"LI Hsu-chang has recounted in a memorial to Us the various distinguished services of Fong-yao, late Admiral of the Canton waters. It would appear that in the first years of the reign of Hsien Feng he held 'braves' and conducted the great success operations against the rebels throughout the provinces of Ling Kiang, Kiang, and Fokien. During the succeeding reign, whilst acting as brigade-general at Chao-chou, he was the first to introduce order into the district and was able to effect many important reforms. When promoted to his late appointment he put down piracy with a strong hand, and his sudden death at his post is deeply to be regretted. We hereby decree that honours on the most liberal scale that can be conferred on a brigade-general who has seen distinguished service are to be awarded to him, and a record of his exploits is to be inscribed in the annals of the State. When his son Fong Ping-chun shall come of age the Board of War is directed to introduce him in audience."

THUMBSCREWS and rack exercise never figure now-a-days in British law as means of obtaining evidence, and the result is that the Chinese, being accustomed to such practices in their own courts, miss them sadly when they get to Hongkong. For instance, a week ago a dispute arose between an amah and a house boy in a European establishment, which culminated in an appeal for assistance to a male friend of the amah, who came in and threatened the boy. Afterwards the lady of the house missed a brooch, which the amah's young man had appropriated. That estimable woman first said the man was a detective, and afterwards denied any knowledge of his identity. She was herself charged with the theft at the Magistracy to-day, but of course not convicted, and it is now impossible to trace her acquaintance. This is a case—one of many—in which Western methods of obtaining clues fail. Of course the torture system has no good point to recommend it; but in its absence there should be some means of getting the obstinate amah to speak. It is not easy to say how this case could be met, but surely any legislators have sufficient genius (they are all remarkable for genius) to supply the want.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Statistics for October, 1891.
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st October 67
In-Patients admitted to Hospital during October 77
Total number treated as In-Patients 144

Of these there were:
Discharged cured 47
Discharged relieved 12
Discharged on other grounds 10
Died in Hospital 69

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st November 75
Out-Patients, new cases 885
Out-Patients, return visits 589

Total number of Out-Patient visits 1474
Operations 76
Dental cases 7
Casualty cases 14

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.B., Superintendent.

THE following extraordinary telegram is published in this morning's *Daily Press* under date London, 27th September:

"A band of armed men under the leadership of Signorina Orme Marston made a raid on the town of San Antonio, in the State of Missouri (U.S.A.) and sacked the stores and the post office."

After this fifty Deluge, and the man who edits *Granny* has fairly won his leather medal. The "armed men under Signorina Orme Marston" in the latest joke we have come across for years. *Granny* dear, a word in your little pink ear. On September 26th there was a run for at Manchester the Lancashire Plate of 12,000 sovi, added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovi each for starters, about the most valuable stake ever contested on the English turf, and it resulted as follows:—
Chevalier Gilmistrail's br. f. Signorina, by St. Simon—Star of Portell, 4 yrs. 9st. 13lb. F. Webb 1
Duke of Westminster's c. Orme, by Ormonde—Angelica 2 yrs. 7st. 7lb. G. Barrett 2
Mr. Douglas Baird's b. c. Marston, by Bend Or—Tiger Lily, 4 yrs. 9st. 9lb. Falloon 3

How those three famous English race horses managed to head a raid on the town of San Antonio, in the State of Missouri, and sacked the stores and the post-office, perhaps our dear old one-legged, one-armed, and wooden-headed morning contemporary will editorially enlighten us in the next issue of that reliable publication!

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present—H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government, Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. F. A. Cooper (Acting Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. C. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Messrs. P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, and Ho Kai.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
A financial minute recommending a vote of \$500, increase of salary of the Harbour Master, was referred to the Finance Committee. The report of the Finance Committee was approved.

OUR QUARANTINE STATION.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice of motion for next meeting to the effect that in view of the opinions expressed at the Hygienic Congress in London last August a committee should be appointed to inquire into the quarantine question in Hongkong. Also, as the former quarantine at Stonecutters Island for infectious diseases, was abandoned since the *Hygia* was built, and as the *Hygia* did not provide for the segregation of infectious cases from ships in quarantine, he would ask what arrangements had been made for the removal of such patients. He also wished to ask (at next meeting) if a resolution had been made in the terms of contract for the Optimum Farm, and under what Ordinance the Jiriksha Farm proposal was made.

THE SUMMIT.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the revised Appropriation Bill, which had passed its first reading. The change consisted in the insertion of Public Works

Extraordinary, which had usually been left out of the Estimates and dealt with in Supplementary Estimates. In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State after last year's Budget was sanctioned, he thought this would be the best course.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE OPIUM FARM.

The Attorney-General moved that the Prepared Opium Bill be recommitted, in order to make certain alterations, consequent upon the amendment of clause 88.

The Bill having been recommitted.
Mr. Whitehead moved an amendment to section 14 limiting the period to two years. A long and interesting discussion followed on the question of farming revenue, and the unofficial members made a most determined attempt to crush the bill entirely; but of course, it was the old, old story of the Acting Major—Acting Governor, Acting Secretary, Acting Attorney, Acting District Officer, and so on.
The Council is still sitting as we go to press (5.30 p.m.). Extended report to-morrow.

THE VOLUNTEERS' CONCERT.

The members of the Hongkong Volunteer Recreation Club gave a very successful concert on Saturday night at headquarters. It seems the Volunteers have a lot of money and could find no way to dispose of it. Nobody in Hongkong wants any money just now, and they could not get rid of this objectionable surplus. So the concert was a party given for the benefit of the Volunteers, and Saturday saw the first of the series. If the succeeding concerts are as great a bit as the opening one, life in this colony will one more be worth living.
The parade ground at the H. K. V. A. headquarters was made into an exceedingly pretty open-air theatre, the stage being formed by sitting up the central part of the pavilion with flags, lanterns, etc., which had a very happy effect. It would have been happier still if they had begun to light the lamps before the time for the concert to begin. But we digress. The rest of the pavilion was a party-green room for artists, and partly a bar, where free drinks were freely drunk. So were some of the people, and that is one point to be avoided in the next of these very pleasant affairs. It is all right and very good to provide drinks, and to invite all your friends, but there must be a limit. If there were no ladies present it would not matter so much; but as it is, there must be some other arrangement.
The concert began excellently. The overture by the band (Portuguese amateurs) was very well played, and would have been faultless if the instruments had been better. Mr. Macdonald then sang "The Death of Nelson," the best performance of the evening. His voice, usually so clear and mellow, was exceptionally effective in the open air, and sounded much better than within four walls. The same gentleman was booked for another performance, but he said he had a cold, and refused to respond to a most determined recall or to sing again, which was a disappointment to everybody. He was followed by a man with a feeble delivery reciting a feeble parody of "Excelsior," worse than most parodies of *Excelsior*. Then came a couple of comic songs, and a couple of songs, and was enthusiastically received. After a pretty little tinkling piano duet, the first portion of the concert ended with a funny song by Lieut. Nicholson, "I took it."

The second part of the programme was chiefly remarkable as being mostly inaudible. The band was all right, except for the instruments. The band is eminently unsuitable for parades of *Excelsior* concerts, and two well-meaning gentlemen who tried to do simply never made them selves heard. Staff Sergeant Tennant sang "Quite English, you know" in his best style, and as an encore gave a life-like parody of a German Swiss yodel song—so effective, that all the Germans present, with their usual exquisite taste, began ostentatiously talking French. Gunter Jackson then went on to sing something, but as he stayed behind the piano all the time whispering to the accompanist, we concluded the song was "off." Mr. Gribble gave a good rendering of "Zampa" on the piano, and then Mr. Robinson came on again, and scored as great a success as ever with "I tiddly 'tiddly eye." Thus ended the second lesson, and once more an adjournment was made to the bar.
The third portion of the entertainment—well, as we said before, the concert began excellently.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

THE E. & A. Co.'s steamship *Memphis*, Capt. Hugh Craig, from Sydney, via Ports of Call, arrived in harbour this forenoon. For the subject telegrams we are indebted to our Australian exchanges:—
LONDON, October 1st.
Two bombs were yesterday discovered under a bridge in the environs of Reichenberg, Bohemia.
It is believed that the bombs were placed there with a view to injuring the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, as it was known that his Majesty intended driving over the bridge.
Messrs. Alexander and Co., corn merchants, of London, who recently suspended payment with very heavy liabilities, have offered their creditors a composition of 75 p. cent. in the £.
The Government of the Argentine Republic has decreed the issue of a forced paper currency of 50,000,000 of piastres. The premium on gold has been fixed at 150 per cent. Gold payment has been suspended for two years.
At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Australasia to-day, Mr. W. A. McArthur, M.P. of the firm of W. and A. McArthur, one of the directors, stated that the bank, notwithstanding its great business in Victoria, had kept almost clear from direct loss through the Victorian land boom.
A disastrous explosion occurred to-day in a colliery at Newcastle, South Wales. Eight of the miners at work in the pit were killed.
An explosion occurred at Macgregor on December 26, 1865, when 14 lives were lost. His Grace is in his 64th year.
Mr. Blundell Maple M.P., has offered to match his recent purchase, Common (the winner of the Two Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger) against Mr. E. Lascelles' b.c. Queen's Birthday, by Hagioscope—Matilda, for 10,000 a-side over a two miles course.
The Agency Land and Finance Co. of Australia has declared a dividend at the rate of 85 per cent. per annum.
October 2nd.
The bombs which were placed under the bridge at Reichenberg contained nitro-glycerine, and exploded some hours before the Emperor was due to pass over. The affair was probably intended to mar the enthusiasm of his reception in Bohemia.
Sir Henry Loch, Governor of Cape Colony, is on a visit to the Transvaal territory, South Africa. Twelve thousand natives welcomed his Excellency on his arrival at Umtata.
The New York Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution urging the repeal of the law compelling the Government to purchase 4,000,000 lbs. of silver annually.

Ten thousand miners and railway men have struck work at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for an advance in wages.

Australian Broken Hill Consols have fallen to 15s. 6d.

A party of Moors attacked a Spanish fort in Morocco, but were repulsed after three hours' severe fighting.

The Moors outbreak at Cape Juby has been suppressed.

The proposed conference for discussing a reciprocity scheme between Canada and the United States has been postponed owing to the ill-health of Mr. J. G. Blaine, the American Secretary of State.

There has been a large increase, at least 40 per cent., in the use of iron concrete, and asphalt in building in London. This is, doubtless, owing to the carpenter's strike.

The English cricket team sailed for Australia in the P. and O. steamer *Acadia* to-day.

A great crowd assembled to witness the departure of the team. Lord Sheffield and the members of the team were loudly cheered as the vessel left the docks.

The trial of O'Brien, the reporter, at Montreal, for libelling Prince George of Wales in having published a statement some time ago to the effect that the Prince and some companions from a British warship had been arrested for riotous conduct in the streets of Montreal and were released on the Prince's rank becoming known, has concluded.

The Judge, in summing up, declared that the evidence showed that O'Brien's accusation was untrue. He was found guilty. Sentence was deferred.

Special prayers will be offered in the Jewish synagogues in England on the 12th instant on behalf of the persecuted Russian Jews.

Lord Rothschild has given a donation of £1000 to the fund for ameliorating the condition of the Jews in Russia.

The congress of delegates of the National Liberal Federation assembled at Newcastle-on-Tyne yesterday, 2000 delegates were present. Mr. John Morley, M.P., declared that if the House of Lords opposed the will of the country in regard to Home Rule the people would consider whether it should be allowed to exist. He advocated the moderate payment of members of Parliament.

General Boulanger wrote a political testament the day before he committed suicide. He declared that history would deal severely with those who proscribed him. His body is lying in state, covered with wreaths, and has been viewed by numerous visitors. The comments of the German and Austrian press upon the late General Boulanger are harsh in tone.

The Orient R.M.S. *Orontea*, from Sydney August 17, while going up the Thames yesterday came into collision with a barge, which sank. The *Orontea* also narrowly escaped collision with the Shaw, Savill, and Co.'s steamship *Arcturion*, outward bound for New Zealand.

Captain Ruediger has been appointed Acting Governor of German East Africa.

A bank clerk in Paris has been robbed of £12,000.

October 3rd.
Three French pilgrims have been arrested in Rome for showing disrespect to the tomb of the late King Victor Emmanuel.

Later.
Further particulars state that the pilgrims who were arrested upon the replica of Victor Emmanuel's tomb, and shouted "Long live the Pope." The Italian guards expelled the pilgrims.

The populace were exasperated by the conduct of the Frenchmen, who barely escaped with their lives.

The Irish Convention, which has assembled at Chicago, is not an influential gathering. The Clan-na-Gael controls the convention, under the leadership of Tynan and Byrne, the Irish invincibles.

The convention has refused to interfere in the quarrel between the Farrellites and McCarthy's factions of the Irish party, and declines to contribute to the funds on behalf of the evicted tenants until the league funds banked in Paris are released.

The tone of the speeches delivered at the convention was hostile to Mr. Parnell.

The ball of Messrs. John Dillon and William O'Brien, M.P., in connection with the Tipperary prosecution, has been extracted.

The settlement of Mr. Dillon's ball will probably result in his being adjudicated a bankrupt.

The New Tipperary settlement, which was formed outside Tipperary on the eviction of the tenants of Mr. Smith-Barry, is now quite deserted, most of the tenants having returned to the old town.

It is reported that the Czar and Czarina of Russia will pay a second visit to the King of Denmark, at Copenhagen, in November. They may possibly visit Berlin.

Mr. Poulton Bigelow, an American, who has just completed a tour of the Continent, declares that Russia is preparing for war with the Russian people, he says, believe that the vast movements of troops are not simply manoeuvres, and that the anti-Jewish crusade is only part of a huge movement against foreigners, the object being to Russify the country. The Germans and Poles are the chief victims.

Russia has presented to Montenegro a man-of-war and supplied money for three other similar vessels.

Mr. Blundell Maple, owner of the Derby winner Common, in addition to the match for £10,000 over two miles, has offered to match that colt against Mr. E. Lascelles' b.c. Queen's Birthday for £10,000 a-side, over a mile and a half course. The owner of Queen's Birthday has declined to accept the challenge.

The Canadian Government has declined the services of the delegates of British tenant farmers, who are visiting the maritime provinces of Canada with a view to the settlement of British farmers, because they preached free-trade and declined to obey orders.

Several Socialists have been arrested in connection with the supposed attempt on the life of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria by the blowing up of a bridge.

The Turkish troops have re-occupied Sana, the capital of Yemen, Arabia, which was captured by the rebels. The Porte is massing 40,000 troops in Yemen for the suppression of the rebellion.

Advices received from San Francisco state that tribal war has broken out in the island of Tanna, in the New Hebrides.

Princess Beatrice, wife of Prince Henry of Battenberg, has given birth to a son. The Princess, who was married in 1885, has now four children, three boys and a girl.

The minimum of Russian loan has been fixed at 700,000,000 francs. French and Russian bankers will subscribe the 50,000,000 francs, which was to have been taken up by Berlin financiers.

The strike at the Carron Company's works has reached an acute stage. The Shipping Federation has determined to make a stand against the strikers.

The minister's carmen intend on Monday to block the Cannon and Hermitage wharfs, and that it is likely to force the masters to declare a universal lockout along the river.

